

THURSDAY, February 13th, 1862.

The House met, and was opened with prayer by Rev. L. Van Bakkelen.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Berry, Sp'k, Harris, of St. Mary's, Smyth, Walton, Dunbar, Magruder, Carrico, Given, Ensor, Pearce, Harrison, Kerr, Dougherty, Gunby, Wright, Turner, Phelps, Carroll, Leckie, McIntire, Morton, Duvall, Bowie, McCollister, Kemp, Smith, Duncan, Purnell, Hammond, of Fr., Coale, Buhrman, Biggs, Harris, of Frederick, Dove, Hardcastle, Willis, Price, Warner, Wolf, Stockdale, Christopher, Reese, Hugg, Taylor, Mathews, Pearson, Findlay, Rohrer, Davis, of Montgomery, Dunlop, White, Lowe, Chamberlain, Little, Everhart and Waters.

The proceedings of yesterday were read.

Mr. Buhrman presented the petition of Hiram McClure and thirty-three others, to allow the trustees of school district No. 1, in Frederick county, to sell the school house in said district and to build another in some more central part thereof;

Which was read and referred to the Frederick county delegation.

Mr. Hardcastle presented the petition of J. H. Emerson, of Caroline county, asking compensation for services therein named;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Claims.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of Edward B. Adkins, George W. Parsons and sixty-two others, citizens of Worcester county, for a law respecting the height of fences and the distance between the rails used on fences, in said county;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Donaldson presented the petition of William Welling, Upton Dorsey and others of Howard county, asking for a law to permit George Bond, a free negro, to return to the State of Maryland;

Also, the petition of Eleanor Warfield, asking for a law to authorise her to manumit her slaves;

Which were read and referred to the committee on Colored Population.

Mr. Davis, of Montgomery, presented the petition of Robert T. Dade, and a number of others, citizens of Medley's District, in Montgomery county, asking a repeal of the primary